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I have a subject to discuss that has aroused almost as much controversy as any other subject under the sun except religion; nothing can compare to that; that is, "Atlantis and Lemuria."

In modern schools of thought there are two divided camps: one affirming the existence of Atlantis and Lemuria; the other, absolutely denying the possibility of its existence. The mass of evidence that has accumulated over a period of years by men who have devoted their life to the search for evidence of the existence of Atlantis and Lemuria is to my mind overwhelming.

I am not going into the evidence of ethnology and geology and other things. I have discussed those in previous lectures. Aside from the knowledge I have gained from any occult schools to which I belong, still, the evidence is so great that no one can entirely cast to one side all the evidence that proves the existence of some one great common source of knowledge that once existed in the past. The occultist and student of folklore and mythology cannot but help see the evidence in all the like myths and religions, in all the evidence which exists today in the customs and manners of the various races of mankind.

If one has delved deeply into the mystery schools that have extended in the past from Asia and Africa and Central and South America and Europe, there is no mistaking those mysteries even though there has grown up a diversified interpretation of the symbols that each nation and race used to conceal the great truths that were derived from that ancient source.

Of course, we know of the account of Plato. However, we might cast that to one side as the romancing of an ancient: because it was a second-hand account. Nevertheless, evidence is so great that there once was some contact between various nations and races of the world that the evidence of pre-historic races and nations cannot be cast to one side. All you have to do is to examine the ruins of Chitzen Itza, of inconceivable antiquity. All had some knowledge because some of those buildings are carved all around with elephants that show their trunks up-raised with tusks and we know it has been a long time since elephants were common to the North American Continent and then if we examine the customs of the various tribes of the world, the North and South American Indian, the various Asiatic tribes we must find from the beliefs of certain things and totems that there was one common source that the things they knew had been dissimilated from.

Speaking of ancient things, Hallowe'en and the witch riding on a broom-

stick is not modern by any means. Figures exactly like that were known to the Mayas, and in caves in Spain there are paintings on the walls and roofs that go back some 30,000 years that show witches riding on broomsticks and also, witches dancing around a black man. It is interesting to trace such diversified beliefs.

If one is interested in the subject the work of Stacy-Judd is quite a monumental comparison. The most common work on Atlantis is by Donnelly. There has been a very considerable mass of writings concerning the existence of Atlantis - less about Lemuria but much about Atlantis. I recommend that you read those books for the historical evidence. I checked up some old National Geographics the other day with a picture of a man holding a figure over his head and it said, "And of course they get that idea from Atlantis, who is always shown as an image of a man holding a globe over his head."

I have often wondered if the entire mythological religion of ancient Rome and Greece was not based upon the legend of Atlantis; Hercules and Atlas holding the world on their shoulders. It always was a source of wonder to me as to what Atlas and Hercules stood on while they were holding the world on their shoulders. Those things have to be taken not as literal things but as symbols and perhaps the ancient Atlas who held the world on his shoulders was nothing more or less

than a symbol of old Atlantis, that was the source of all culture known to ancient man.

I do not believe that anyone who has delved at all deeply into ancient historical records believes that five thousand years ago was the beginning of civilization. I have myself read ancient Egyptian Papyrus dated 3500 years B.C. and extracts they said were taken from more ancient documents. Then, unquestionably, there were races of men who at least knew the art of writing a long time before that period.

According to tradition, Atlantis existed in the Atlantean ocean. It has been described as a great continent, as an island divided into circles by alternating masses of land divided by circles of water. That ancient Atlantean land of course has disappeared entirely from the world today. The belief is that the Azore Islands are the topmost peaks of the great mountain range which once existed on the Great Atlantean Continent.

In so far as Lemuria is concerned, we have more actual architectural evidence than we do concerning Atlantis, though it is true that the term Atlantis was used among the ancient Mayas but Lemuria is located on the South Pacific area where the fighting between Japan and America was going on. The Caroline Islands are supposed to be the only remaining land masses that remain above was once the Lemurian Continent, and

there is evidence from an architectural viewpoint, that once great cities existed on those islands because on those islands as far down as one can see in very clear water the ruins of great structures still go down. The divers have gone down over two hundred feet and still find those ruins; walls showing there was a gradual sinking of those land masses and it has been estimated that the ruins both above and below the water of the Caroline Islands were of a city of sufficient size to support a population of five million people. Certainly, in historical times, we have no record of any kind of people large enough to have a city of that size and also, the land which is in that vicinity at this present time is not sufficiently large enough to support anything like that population. In an area of 50,000 square miles there are possibly less than one hundred thousand people, not counting the American and Japanese down there. The Japanese received those islands on a mandate during the last war and so they have been closed since the last war, but before that time no one had been able to determine or decipher the inscriptions that are carved upon those buildings and especially, their interior. The occultist knows that it was in that region that the ancient Lemurian land existed. Perhaps, rather than being descendants of the ancient Dravidians, it has been assumed, at least, in part, that the present inhabitants of the South Sea Islands, are, at least in part, descendants of the less cultured races of the

ancient Lemurian Continent; the Atlanteans themselves we know from many references in ancient writings, unquestionably colonized a great part of the world.

The Egyptians told of coming from a land that was where we now place the area of ancient Atlantis. They said, that their race came to ancient Egypt; they found the people living in caves in the rocks and they taught them the arts. That accounts of course, is found in Plato.

We know that the Irish have legends of the Tuetha Da Daanan, who had the power to fly through the air like a bird, the power to move through the waves faster than the fishes, the power to disintegrate matter. They tell of the piper who had a pipe upon which he could pipe until the armies which came against Ireland were shaken to pieces; unquestionably, some great force that the ancients know. Of course, we have stories of ancient Ireland that gives us great keys. They say, at that time, the Tuetha Da Daanan went to a Green Land. It has been a curious fact to me that Ireland has always been referred to as a Green Land, when as a matter of fact, all the legends show it was not Ireland which was the Green Land but the one the race which once occupied Ireland went to.

A great dispute arises as to whether that was a colony established from Atlantis and then, broken up or whether that was one of the colonies that exist-

ed after Atlantis. That the land mass did exist off the Pillars of Hercules we know very well because even as late a time as when Columbus discovered America there was some three hundred miles of shoals off the European coast and there was a gradual sinking of a great area in that vicinity and, of course, we are told that the Atlantean Island Group extended almost to Central America where the Antilles are at the present time.

We also find a tremendous amount of evidence concerning Atlantis in South America, when we examine the ruins of Tiahuanca built by a race absolutely unknown to our modern archeologists, when we see the Amazon Valley which existed before the Andes Mountains were pushed up. That is very definite because the canals that ran from that inland sea to the ocean still exist broken by the up-thrusting of the Andes range. Also, one of the mysteries is who built that tremendous wall which runs for hundreds of miles across the Andes Mountains. It was not discovered until the airplanes happened to fly over it and saw the outlines of the walls. Also, when we study the mythology of Yucatan and the Quiche Indians of Guatemala.

I hope some time to be able to visit Guatemala because it is not so awfully far from Guatemala that occult tradition says that one of the ancient Atlantean colonies still exists; that is a place in the Codelliras range of Mountains in Yucatan that is a very isolated section

in what is called the Mata-Grasso or Green Hell and that is a very descriptive name for it because there are thousands of square miles of jungles so dense that a party trying to clear the way through it is lucky to clear a mile a day and there is no place for a plane to land. It is in that same area that Arthur Conon Doyle laid the scene of that book, "The Lost World," and it is also that area in which Fawcett, the explorer disappeared and has never been found.

Not long ago, about five years, there was discovered in Peru a very ancient document written in Portuguese. It was written in the year 1771 I believe and it related the adventures of a party of Portuguese who had ventured into that country. There had been a hundred and fifty went in there and five came out and those five left records of their adventures. After months of the most tremendous hardships they penetrated into the interior, into the mountainous country and were captured by a race of white men. Those are not the White Indians of the upper Amazon that we hear so much about. They said these men were the outposts of a city and there was a race numbering about twelve to twelve and a half thousand and that they were great magicians. By that they did not mean that they were practitioners of what we now call the black arts but they did things that were incomprehensible to the Spaniards and Portuguese. At that time, they said they had vessels or ships that

would fly through the air and they had the power to make themselves invisible, and many other things. An account of the things that they did mean a lot to us. For instance, they said that when they were captured these men talked into an instrument which one of them carried and when they arrived at the city it was known they had come because they could talk into these instruments it would be known where they were. Then they spoke of their use of strange lights and told of some of the men who had been wounded and placed under certain colored lights and emerged well and sound and they remained prisoners for ten years and finally, these five escaped and made their way back.

The occultist knows that it was in that particular part of South or Central America that one of the great Atlantean colonies existed as far back as the sinking of Atlantis and that the Mayan races - when I use the term, 'Mayan' I mean the tribes specifically called Mayas and related tribes. The Quiches and others were all descendants. Some point to the fact that the Mayas did not use the wheel at all and therefore could not have been highly advanced but the wheel to them was a sacred symbol of the sun and eternity and they did not use it for profane things. Some people have also said they did not have the use of metal tools, that all their carvings were made by stone tools. That is not based upon any evidence because one of the codexes

that we have (that was not destroyed by Bishop Londes, who destroyed the millions of codexes of the Ancient Mayas) says different. The Popul Vuh tells of their use of metal tools and when the Well of the Virgins at Chitzen Itza was opened and excavated they found many wedges and chisels that unquestionably were used in that carving and even today, some are found from time to time.

Curiously enough, our modern calendar which is less than four hundred years old was known to the Mayas - they had a better calendar, a compensating calendar as far back as 2200 years. Therefore, they were hundreds of years in advance of the European races as far as the calendar is concerned and their mathematical system is far superior than our present form of mathematics, and why they do not change it, we would have to unlearn a lot. Laying aside any other evidence, it is unquestionable that the Mayas came from a very high and cultured race. They did migrate gradually towards the North and yet, we find the earliest cities of the Mayas that we have discovered apparently with full fledged culture. We do not find a race gradually developed from a primitive state.

Today the occultist who has delved deeply into the records and who has access to ancient manuscripts, knows there still exists in Central America, in Yucatan, an Atlantean colony. It is not as large as it was 175 years ago but it still exists, But not only that, they

are perfectly aware of people in the outer world. Very often they visit our western civilizations. Frankly, they do not care to exchange theirs for it and we cannot really blame them when we see the mess that ours has fallen into. Numbers of them have visited practically every known part of the world. They do not go around saying, 'we are Atlanteans' and dressing in white robes. They know all our customs, keep up with our progress by radio and television as advanced as ours will probably be a hundred years from now and they can mix without any one knowing the difference. They are exceedingly long-lived, have conquered most of the ills of humanity. They are three to four times as long-lived as man. That is not because they are super-beings, but there is one group of those Atlanteans that still exist in that almost inconceivable part of the world and I believe that in times to come we will be able to penetrate there, but we will never find them by air for a good reason; that they know how to conceal their cities.

Now, leaving the Atlanteans for a moment and returning to Lemuria, a lot of people have wondered about ancient Lemuria. There has been less written about it than Atlantis. One of the few books that is easily accessible is one called "The Problem of Lemuria" by Lewis Spence, in which he discusses at length the evidence in the South Pacific as to the existence of Lemuria. We know also that in the very ancient past there have

been great changes that have taken place in the world. For instance, a great many scientists believe that the moon is a child of earth cast off when the earth was in a semi-molten state and that was healed over like scar tissue.

The occultists believe that when all but the topmost peaks began to go down that many of the Lemurians, especially the ruling race, retreated into a vast underground space, because though we think of ourselves as the zenith of mankind, yet, the ancient records prove definitely that the very ancient races knew a great deal more about the manipulations of the finer forces of nature than we do at the present time. They knew how to manipulate the etheric and sub-etheric forces and were thus able to create all the forces for life, even underground. The Polynesian tribes of the South Pacific concerning that very thing, in a book by Bellamy called "Myths and Moon Myths" there is a very interesting theory formed by a German Scientist concerning the ancient traditional deluge and that was of the breaking up of a second moon which the earth once had and how that breaking off caused a precipitation which caused the deluge and that was caused by the impact of the tremendous moon which thus crashed. It might interest you to know that some scientists in tracing the outline of Atlantis say that it encompassed part of Texas, the Gulf of Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado. Some of them believe that one tip of the ancient Atlantean Continent once touched

on the Rocky Mountain tips in the region of Pueblo.

Personally, I do not hold to that belief though we do know that much of Texas and Oklahoma were under water many times just as we know that there are parts of Mexico that were above and below the water four times. They know that from excavations which they have made in which they have found artifacts deep down and a layer of gravel covering those and in turn other artifacts on top of those and then, other layers of gravel.

The ancient Atlanteans had developed a tremendous civilization, a civilization far greater than the one that we have today. They had a knowledge of the sciences, the arts; yes a knowledge of man's relationship to God and the universe that we are only groping for very feebly. I believe I could say in a few words that they had passed beyond the age of superstition because don't you realize that a great many of the customs and manners and religious beliefs and scientific beliefs of mankind are based on superstition? I had one scientist say to me one time that the most superstitious person in the world was a scientist, not superstitious as a savage was but superstitious, just as superstitious about scientific superstitions. For instance, I will read a book of Astrology and that entire book will be based upon observation made under certain conditions and the distance between the stars and planets is accounted for

and measured by the speed of light and then when I learn how they have studied the speed of light, the facts are entirely contradictory to what they say the conditions of the speed of light are. If a person is moving through the bottom of water and they have a substance that retards their motion and if you come out on dry land and move you can move much more freely and faster. Well their observations have taken place at the bottom of an ocean of atmosphere and very possibly light moves more slowly after it has passed through an ocean of atmosphere.

It is necessary to see every side and condition but they have measured it only under one certain condition and therefore, all our science is based on the superstition that light travels at a certain rate of speed under all conditions and it does not. If they took their measurements of how light measured up after it passed through that dense substance and then compare the density of the water with that of the air and perhaps they would arrive at a true figure but so far they have not done that.

The reason I mentioned that is because in ancient Atlantis and Lemuria, the Atlanteans were not nearly so highly developed in their knowledge of science and the universe as the ancient Lemurians. The Lemurians had developed a tremendous mechanistic race. The Lemurians were comparable to our civilization of today: perhaps a little more advanced

in some things; perhaps a little less in others. They also had established a number of colonies in many parts of the world. However, after the sinking of Lemuria which took place sometime before the sinking of Atlantis, the Lemurians did not maintain their culture after the sinking of the mother country but rather, it degenerated and formed the highest barbaric tribes of the past.

You must know that the Lemurians were not all of one race coloration. They were not all white or of any one particular color. There were a number of Lemurian races and in Lemuria there was a white race which was comparatively few in number. There was also a black race. That black race was of course not like your negro race of today which is a combination of more than one race. There was also a brown race and there was a race of a fairly yellow skin, not Chinese, which no longer exists anywhere on the face of the earth today. However, the Japanese are one race that descended from the Lemurians. Also, the Bushmen or black fellow of Australia is the descendant of a lost branch of the Lemurian races, then, though it has been said that the Arabs are of the Aryan race of man. All researches do not bear that out. The Arabs themselves are descendants of another branch of the Lemurians and the Jews, not only the Jewish, but all of the ancient Semitic races are descendants of the ancient Lemurians, just as we say all the Aryans, that takes in all of the white races, are descendants of the di-

vergent Atlanteans.

I said, a moment ago, all the Aryan races, that includes the Hindoos who are of the Aryan race in spite of their dark skin. There is an ancient relationship between the Germans and the Hindoo race. I am excepting the Scandinavian race who originated in the Gobi Desert. Anciently, the Atlanteans and Gobi race were one, but the division came much later. The Scandinavians remained in the Gobi a long time after the sinking of Atlantis and then gradually, migrated to Europe. The American Indian Races are themselves descendants of the Red Race of Atlantis.

Do not misunderstand me when I say, 'American Races,' using the plural because there is as much difference between the American Indian Races, north and south as there is between the black and white races. The American Indian consists of more than three hundred distinct types but there was an ancient Red Race of Atlantis and at that time the north countries were not nearly as cold as they are now and a great many of them had settled into the north countries and after the sinking of Atlantis they gradually migrated and spread all over the North American Continent. They did not have the civilization that the colonies that were closer to the Mother Land had and gradually they became more and more primitive. We might say that the North American Races were the races that gradually had become primitive rather than a group of races that were rising towards

a greater civilization.

The various races of the world unquestionably have their origin somewhere. I mentioned earlier in my talk the Dravidian Races of India. Some people believe that the ancient home of man was in some part of Asia and that he migrated from there to all parts of the world. That might be true in part but not entirely because the Asiatic migration was much later we think, and yet, our scientists of today have a great deal of trouble to account for the fact that the Cro-Magnon man whom they date as some twenty thousand years ago and some skeletal remains that we have found was on an average better physically and greater potential brain capacity than the average man of today and that the weight of the brain of the average Cro-Magnon man was much greater than that of the average modern man. Yet, man of that type existed some twenty thousand years ago in Europe.

Of course I know that many believe Atlantis sank some twelve thousand years ago. My own researches have borne out the belief that that sinking took place some fifty thousand years ago, not twelve thousand years ago, that the evidence of geology shows that there were great changes in the earth's surface. We know of course that the Mediterranean was once a great valley before the Mediterranean Sea poured in. I might mention that many of the believers in the Atlantean theory think that Europe may follow Atlantis.

One of the latest books, written in English by Lewis Spence is titled, "Will Europe Follow Atlantis," and he believes that the volcanoes in Italy are at the point where there may be a tremendous upheaval and great parts of Europe may sink and as he says, that Atlantis sank because of the evil of the people and the conditions that are rising in the world today are creating magnetic stresses and strains that may bring that condition about any time. You know, science has discovered that there is such a thing as magnetic currents that flow through all matter. They are not speaking of the magnetic polarities. We know that a bar of magnetic iron attracts because there is magnetic influence. We have the magnetic poles of earth but they have now discovered that there is an actual current of magnetism that flows through everything and it is believed that in a very few years that knowledge will enable man to do away with all of the old sources of power: oil, electricity, gas, coal, etc., that the control of the magnetic currents will enable man to gain unlimited power and unquestionably, the ancient Atlanteans had the knowledge of that magnetic power and they knew more than that, that that magnetic flow which cannot be detected by the same way that the magnetic pole may be, that is main flow of static energy, but that that magnetic flow flows through the entire earth, forming as it were, a web just like a steel framework of a large building. If you break that framework somewhere it becomes weakened and there may be a col-

lapse, that magnetic flow flowing through the central nucleus of all matter and it forms definite channels, rivers and streams that criss cross each other and that helps to maintain matter and substance in a more or less static condition, but if anything happens to disturb that flow there is a collapse, not only of that magnetic current but of that web itself and it causes upheavals.

They also knew this: that is, that the thoughts of man have a tremendous effect upon that magnetic current; that is, that they attract it or repulse it and the ancients knew that tremendous negative and fear thoughts had repulsive power upon those magnetic currents and unquestionably, with the conditions of hate, terror, fear and error existing in Europe at the present time there is a tremendous weakening of that magnetic web and therefore, the occultists, such as Lewis Spence believes the stress has reached almost a balance point where there can be a collapse and great catastrophes that may effect the European Continent.